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COVER PHOTO

W. R. Carter, left, and L. J. Carter retired June 30, 1975 from the State Department of Education after a combined total of 81 years of dedicated and productive service to vocational agriculture.

**NOTES from the
Executive Secretary**



TO FUTURE FARMERS

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

Clemson University was the scene of the Forty-eighth Annual State Convention of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America June 4-6. The chapters and individuals who were recognized at the convention for outstanding accomplishments are to be commended for a job well done.

Six excellent young men were elected at the convention to serve the association as State FFA Officers for 1975-76. Please refer to page 12 for their names and addresses. Invite these officers to your chapter during the year to assist you in planning or conducting your chapter program of activities.

"Thrust 75" is the name of a new FFA materials emphasis program. Included in the newly developed material is an FFA Advisors Handbook, the Chapter Guide to FFA Activities for 1975-76, and a new FFA Activity Handbook. The Activity Handbook contains the following references: A Guide for Use In Planning Your FFA Program of Activities, Agricultural Proficiency Awards Reference, FFA Achievement Award Program, National FFA Chapter Safety Award Handbook, Building Our American Communities (BOAC), and the National Contests Bulletin #4. This new material will be given to your chapter advisor at a meeting early in the fall. The material goes into detail in explaining the total FFA program, and every member can find something of interest that he or she can participate in.

The National FFA Convention will be held in Kansas City November 11-16. Make your plans now to have your chapter represented.

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TO YOUNG FARMERS

By Hugh P. McClimon

A very successful Summer Farm Tour was hosted by the Oakway Young Farmers and wives in Oconee County on July 18-19 with more than 80 persons participating. Those attending enjoyed a Drop-In on Friday evening and tours of four modern Young Farmer operations on Saturday morning followed by a Barbecue Lunch. Mr. Charlie Jordan, District Manager of Growers Chemical Corporation, provided a contribution to sponsor the bus transportation for the tours. A summer tour can become a major activity with the interest and support of other chapters and agribusiness. Any chapter or group of chapters that would like to host the tour should contact one of the members of the Executive Committee or Staff.

Gold Kist Incorporated is the new sponsor of awards for the Chapter Contest. The program includes four District Awards of \$100 each and an additional award of \$200 to the State Winner with engraved plaques. The Federal Land Bank Associations and Production Credit Associations in South Carolina are now sponsoring the Young Farmer of the Year Awards. Chapters are encouraged to submit entries in all areas of the Contest and Awards Program by the deadline dates.

Young Farmers should make plans to attend the 9th National Young Farmer Educational Institute to be held December 13-17, 1975 in Atlanta, Georgia. A pre-registration form and fee must be submitted by November 10. Chapter Advisors and Presidents will receive complete details as soon as available.

Members should reserve the dates of January 23 & 24, 1976 for the State Convention in Columbia at the Wade Hampton Hotel.

Educators Retire After Long Service To Vocational Agriculture



W. R. Carter, left, receives a retirement gift from the agriculture teachers in the Walterboro district presented by J. M. Sherrod, agriculture teacher at Edisto.

William Rudolph Carter was born and reared in Jasper County. He graduated from Ridgeland High School, received a B.S. degree from Clemson College in 1934 and a Master's degree in 1957.

Mr. Carter began his professional career at Bowman High School in 1934. In 1937 he moved to Walterboro High School and remained through 1946 with four years out for military duty. In 1946 he was appointed District Supervisor of Agricultural Education in the Walterboro district and served in that capacity until June, 1975.

Mr. Carter received the Honorary State Farmer Degree, the Honorary Superior Farmer Degree, and he was awarded the highest honor one can receive in his profession, the National FFA Honorary American Farmer Degree.

During his busy career he found time to be active in the Walterboro civic and religious affairs. He is a member of the Bethel Methodist Church and served as chairman of the Board. He has been a member of the Walterboro Lions Club for 35 years and served as its president. He is a member and past commander of the American Legion and is active in numerous other religious and civic activities in Walterboro.

Throughout his 41 years professional career, Mr. Carter has been a leader in vocational agriculture with new and innovative ideas. He was an inspiration to the numerous teachers and students with whom he worked.

He is married to the former Helen Jacobs of Walterboro where they now reside. We wish for Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carter many enjoyable years of retirement.



L. J. Carter, left, receives the S. C. FFA Outstanding Service Award from Frank R. Stover, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture.

Lewis Jennings Carter was born in the Loris community of Horry County. He graduated from Loris High School, received a B.S. degree in agricultural education in 1935 from Clemson College, and a Master's degree in 1954.

Mr. Carter began his teaching career in Turbeville High School in Clarendon County in 1935. He moved to Johnsonville in 1940 for two years. After serving three years in the U. S. Navy, he returned to teaching in Loris where he opened the first on-the-farm training program for veterans in the United States. He also taught vocational agriculture at Wampee-Little River. In February, 1956 he was appointed District Supervisor of Agricultural Education in the Florence office where he served until June 30, 1975.

Mr. Carter is married to the former Ruth Williamson and they have two children, Lewis, Jr. and Sally Lane. They have two grandsons whom they take much pride in displaying.

Mr. Carter has found time to be active in his community where he has taught Sunday School in the Methodist Church. He is an active member of the Lions Club and a Mason.

Mr. Carter was chiefly responsible for the Cherry Grove FFA Camp location. He supervised the construction of the camp facilities and developed one of the best FFA camps in the entire nation. He has received many awards and citations during his 40 years of outstanding service.

We wish for Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Carter many years of happiness.

S. C. Future Farmers Hold Forty-Eighth Annual Convention

HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED



Individuals who were recipients of the Honorary State Farmer Degree at the 1975 FFA State Convention at Clemson University are shown, left to right: Douglas A. Reeves, State President, S. C. Association of Young Farmers; Miss Martha Evelyn Hughes, Secretary, Agricultural Education Office, Anderson; Dr. Jack Mercer, Agricultural Materials Specialist, Vocational Education Media Center, Clemson University; Dr. Robert T. Benson, Associate Professor, Vocational Education Media Center, Clemson University; R. C. Chastain, Agriculture Teacher, Greer High School; Ben Leonard, Farm Director, WFBC-TV and Radio (also Greenville News Farm Reporter and Manager, Greenville County Wholesale Farmers Market),

Greenville; J. S. Strong, Principal, Dixie High School, Due West; G. C. Bedenbaugh, Agriculture Teacher, Newberry High School; John E. Wall, Lancaster County Superintendent of Education; Arthur Lawrence, Agriculture Teacher, Battery Park High School, Hemingway; H. E. Ward, Agriculture Teacher, Rains-Centenary High School; E. F. Jenkins, Agriculture Teacher, St. John's High School, Cameron; and Dennis Haltiwanger, Agriculture Teacher, Walterboro High School.

The Honorary State Farmer Degree is given to selected individuals who have made sustained valuable contributions to the development of the Future Farmers of America organization and to Vocational Agriculture on a statewide basis.



Dr. R. C. Edwards, President, Clemson University, welcomed FFA members to the 48th annual convention of the S. C. Association of Future Farmers of America. Present for the welcome were over 350 representatives of FFA chapters throughout South Carolina. The Association is made up of 175 local chapters with a membership of over 7,500. Chapter activities serve to prepare high school students of vocational agriculture for a farm and agri-business occupation allowing members to demonstrate skills they have learned in the classroom.

Convention Highlights

JUDGE GENTRY SPEAKS



The Honorable John T. Gentry, Judge of the Pickens Civil and Criminal Court, gave a most informative and inspiring address to those assembled at the 1975 annual convention of the S. C. Association of Future Farmers at Clemson University. He challenged those present to get down to basics in order to be successful in life. He described basics as having an individual commitment for good, good morals, healthy attitude, and hard work, with a desire to succeed and do your best, which breeds character. He challenged the Future Farmers to do something to help someone else, to grow up, get with it, and be somebody.



Representatives of five organizations brought greetings to the delegates and guests present at the 48th annual FFA Convention at Clemson University. They are, left to right, Wallace Wood, President, Society for the Advancement of Agricultural Education; Carroll Waites, President, Alpha Tau Alpha Fraternity; both of Clemson University; Carmen McCall, President, S. C. Association of Future Homemakers, Tamassee; Douglas Reeves, President, S. C. Association of Young Farmers, Reevesville; and Wayne McCall, President, S. C. Association of Distributive Education Clubs, Travelers Rest.

NEW STATE OFFICERS



Elected to lead the S. C. Association of Future Farmers of America for the 1975-76 school year are, from left, Tommy Gladden, Fairfield AVC chapter, President; Curtis White, Green Sea chapter, Vice President; Louis Keasler, Anderson chapter, Secretary; Butch Campbell, York chapter, Treasurer; Ben Edge, North Myrtle Beach chapter, Reporter; and William Gantt, Wagener-Salley chapter, Sentinel.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD



The S. C. Association of Future Farmers gave its Outstanding Service Award to H. C. Edens of Ocean Drive. Edens received the award for 38 years as vocational agriculture teacher and director of the State FFA Camp. Edens is shown outside of the camp office with a portion of the camp in the background. The facility serves as an educational and recreational center for many of the Association's 7,000 members annually.

The award is the highest bestowed by the group on a non-member. It is presented to individuals credited with sustained superior service to the organization on a statewide basis.

FFA Recognizes Outstanding Members and Chapters

1975 STAR STATE FARMER

TOP SPEAKERS



The 1975 Star State Farmer Award in South Carolina was awarded to Donnie Carlton Turner of the Florence chapter. The award was presented by National Vice President Bart Bashears of Alex, Oklahoma. Donnie is shown above receiving the plaque and \$200 cash with his agriculture teacher, Bethel E. Durant. His parents received the Honorary State Farmer Degree and the Mother's Citation, respectively. This honor is bestowed upon the member judged to have the best overall farming program and record of FFA involvement. Donnie topped competition from the Association's four districts and earned the right to represent South Carolina in competition for the National FFA Star Farmer honors.

Other district winners honored were Steve Buffington, Belton-Honea Path chapter, H. J. Mackey, advisor; Hugh Campbell, York chapter, W. S. Wilkins, advisor; and Bruce Shuler, Bowman chapter, Marion Cain, advisor. District winners each received a certificate and \$100 cash.

These awards are sponsored by the S. C. Association of FFA and the National FFA Foundation.



Sixty-three candidates for the coveted State Farmer Degree are shown just prior to receiving the Silver Key and certificate of the State Farmer. The State Farmer Degree is limited to the top 2% of the total state membership of the Future Farmers of America.

Stan McKinney, of the Hillcrest #1 FFA chapter, far right, was the state winner in the FFA public speaking contest. His advisor is M. O. Alexander. Stan received \$100 cash and a plaque. Other district winners competing in the state contest were, left to right: Bill Nance, York, W. S. Wilkins, advisor; Ben Edge, North Myrtle Beach, H. C. Edens, advisor; and Mark Polk, Ruffin, W. P. Lloyd, advisor. The district winners each received a plaque and \$50 cash.

TOP INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



District winners of the Individual Future Farmer Award are shown above, left to right: Glenn Simpson, Crescent chapter (H. S. Clinkscales, advisor), and Tommy Gladden, Fairfield AVC (R. R. Foster, advisor). Not present when picture was made, Masceo DesChamps, Manchester at Furman chapter, Drefus Williams, advisor; and Wilford Wiles, Bowman chapter, H. L. Beach, advisor. Each received \$150 cash from the S. C. Association of FFA to pay his expenses to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November.

Convention Highlights

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE



The McBee chapter was the state winner of the parliamentary procedure award. Team members and their advisor are shown, left to right. Front row, Jerry Hoffman, James Shaw, Danny Young; second row, Bruce Johnson, Johnny Easterling (alternate), E. B. Earle, advisor, Myrick O'Neal (alternate), and Lynn Ratliff. The state winner received \$100 cash and a plaque. District winners participating were Calhoun Falls, F. L. Raines advisor, Wagener-Salley, S. C. Smith, advisor, and York, W. S. Wilkins, advisor. District winners received \$50 cash and a plaque.

CHAPTER SAFETY



Bart Bashears, left, National FFA Vice President from Alex, Oklahoma, congratulates Ricky Phillips and his advisor, J. T. Black, of the Greenville FFA chapter, and Samuel Benjamin and his advisor, Drefus Williams, of the Manchester at Furman FFA chapter, recipients of the Superior Chapter Award in the National FFA Chapter Safety Program. This award is sponsored by the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute and Dow Chemicals, U.S.A. The award took place at the State FFA Convention at Clemson University.

GOVERNOR'S CITATION



Presenting the Governor's Citation in the Building Our American Communities Program to Earl Smoak, second from left, of the Bowman chapter, is John T. Walker, Jr., of the Farmers Home Administration, second from right, as Bart Bashears, National FFA Vice President from Oklahoma, right, and H. L. Beach, advisor to the Bowman chapter, look on.

This program is sponsored by Lilly Endowment, Inc. and its purpose is to encourage FFA chapters to strengthen and expand member involvement in understanding and developing their communities.

STATE WINNERS



Recipients of state awards in the Building Our American Communities Program are shown being congratulated by Bart Bashears, National Vice President from Alex, Oklahoma, left, and John T. Walker, Jr., Program Specialist with the Farmers Home Administration, right. Winners, left to right, Earl Smoak and advisor H. L. Beach, Bowman chapter; Robbie McClain and advisor J. T. Black, Greenville chapter; Rutherford Neal and advisor Drefus Williams, Manchester at Furman chapter; John Trevor, Rock Hill chapter (advisor R. P. Smoak absent); Kevin Graham and advisor W. L. Barr, Conway, chapter; and Steve Deer, James F. Byrnes chapter (advisor G. P. Jones, Jr. absent).

Convention Highlights

CHAPTER FORESTRY



Crescent FFA chapter was State chapter forestry winner for 1975. Shown receiving the award are, left to right, H. S. Clinkscales, advisor, and David Norwood. The Crescent chapter received \$250 and the state plaque.

District winners are shown, third from left, Tommy Glad-den, Fairfield AVC, Raymond McDonald, Walterboro FFA chapter and his advisor, Dennis Haltiwanger, and Hillcrest chapter (not present). District winners each received \$150 cash and a district plaque.

This award is sponsored by the S. C. Commission of Forestry and was presented by Claude Barden, Information Director for the Commission.

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE



The 1975 state winner of the chapter ornamental horticulture award went to the Berea chapter. Chapter representatives and advisors shown above exhibiting their respective plaques are, left to right: Pat Ledbetter, Berea and her advisor, S. C. Vinson; Joe Strickland, Rock Hill (advisor absent); G. S. McKenzie, advisor of the St. John's chapter at Darlington and Jackie Parnell; H. L. Beach, Bowman advisor and Earl Smoak. The state winner received \$150 cash and a plaque and district winners each received \$100 cash and a plaque.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Jimmy Verdin, President, S. C. Plant Food Educational Society, of Greenville, center, is shown congratulating the two winners of the \$400 scholarships to study agriculture at Clemson University. These scholarships are made available by the Plant Food Educational Society for the purpose of encouraging further study in the field of agriculture. The two 1975 winners are, left, Ben Edge, North Myrtle Beach, and Harden Boyd, Chester. H. C. Edens is the teacher of agriculture at North Myrtle Beach and J. W. Goggins the teacher of agriculture at Chester.

INDIVIDUAL FORESTRY



Shown with the first and second place winners in the Individual FFA Forestry Contest are, left to right, H. S. Clinkscales, advisor to the Crescent FFA chapter, Rolland Simpson, Jr., first place winner, and Dwain Crayton Simpson, second place winner, both of the Crescent chapter. The first place winner received \$325 cash to pay his way to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. The second place winner received \$50 cash. Absent when the picture was made were Catherine A. Truesdale, third place, \$30 cash, Baron DeKalb chapter, T. H. Hegler, advisor; and Donald Collins, fourth place, \$20 cash, Bowman chapter, H. L. Beach, advisor. These awards are sponsored by the Seaboard Coastline Railroad Company through the S. C. Association of FFA.

OCCUPATIONAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS



Proficiency awards are made to assist deserving members in farming or other agricultural occupations. Each state winner received \$100 cash from the FFA Foundation, Inc. and is eligible to compete for regional awards. Shown above, left to right, are state winners and their advisors: Ornamental Horticulture, Joe Strickland, Rock Hill chapter, R. P. Smoak, advisor; Home and Farmstead Improvement, Charlie Aiken, Greenville chapter, J. T. Black, advisor; Beef Production, Hugh Campbell, York chapter, W. S. Wilkins, advisor; Swine Production, Jacob Heatley, John Ford chapter, Alvin Larke, Jr., advisor; Livestock Production, Louis Keasler, Anderson chap-

ter, Larry Greer, advisor; Soil and Water Management, Marcus Gerald, Loris chapter, John A. Rankin, advisor; Fish and Wildlife Management, Edward Loftis, Greenville chapter, J. T. Black, advisor; Farm and Home Electrification, Donnie Turner, Florence chapter, Bethel Durant, advisor; Agricultural Sales and Service, Larry Thomas, Greenville chapter, J. T. Black, advisor; Crop Production, Derwin Rish, Pelion chapter, Freddie Waltz, advisor; Agricultural Mechanics, Dan Gentry, Pendleton chapter, Royce Caines, advisor; and Forest Management, Roland Simpson, Jr., Crescent chapter, H. S. Clinkscales, advisor.

Farm and Home Electrification Awards



E. J. Tyson, Director of Agricultural Engineering, Duke Power Company, Charlotte, left, and Earl Glasscock, Director of Agricultural Development, S. C. Electric and Gas Company, Denmark, whose companies sponsor the Farm and Home Electrification Award, are shown congratulating the winners, left to right, Mark Vaughn, Berea chapter and his advisor, T. R. Cooke, exhibiting the state winner's award; and district winners, Donnie Lominack, Newberry; Donnie Turner and his

advisor, Bethel Durant, Florence; Mark Wimberly and his advisor M. C. Baker, St. George. All received \$300 to pay expenses of the winning student and his vocational agriculture teacher to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November. District plaques were awarded district winners and a state plaque to Berea.

The purpose of this activity is to encourage students of vocational agriculture in the study of farm electrification.

1975 Service Awards To Agriculture Teachers

10 YEARS



W. H. Ray, Ware Shoals. (Absent, W. A. Whitfield, Saluda.)

30 YEARS



H. G. Rhodes, Mid-Carolina; C. A. Anderson, Butler; P. C. Evans, Jr., Hartsville; H. W. Rankin, Green Sea; E. L. Mallard, St. Stephen; and J. L. Mason, Summerville. (Absent, M. O. Alexander, Hillcrest.)

20 YEARS



Anderson Cooper, Chapman; L. V. Walker, Jr., Wren; W. W. Weldon, Florence AVC; Eugene Chastain, Furman; and Marion Cain, Bowman. (Absent, W. A. Gamble, Lugoff-Elgin.)

40 YEARS



H. R. Caston, Boiling Springs; R. P. Smoak, Rock Hill CDC; and R. B. Gentry, Bishopville.

Service key awards for teachers of vocational agriculture are sponsored by the Federal Land and Federal Intermediate Credit Banks of Columbia, in cooperation with the S. C. Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, in recognition of outstanding service to education in agriculture and communities development.

1975 TEACHER RETIREES



T. W. DILLARD, Hickory Grove



CARROLL M. EADDY, Hemingway



E. F. JENKINS, St. John, Cameron

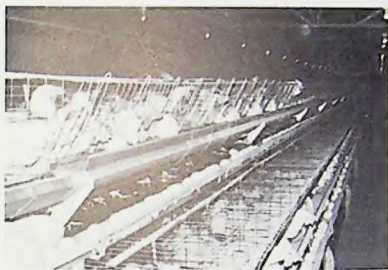
Retirement awards are given by the S. C. Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association in appreciation of the long and meritorious service they have rendered in the field of education in agriculture.

S. C. YOUNG FARMER AND FUTURE FARMER

S. C. YOUNG FARMER SUMMER TOUR



Completely automated egg processing plant at Sunnybrite Farms, Inc., Seneca.



30,000 layers at Spearment Poultry Farm.



Fred Dobbins, center, explains his cattle feeding operation to the group on tour.



Viewing Dobbins' automated feed lot operation.

The South Carolina Association of Young Farmers sponsored a summer tour which was hosted by the Oakway Young Farmer chapter. (See Notes by the Executive Secretary on page 2.) Some 80 Young Farmers and their wives visited three farms and an agribusiness owned by members of the Oakway Young Farmer chapter.

The first stop was an egg processing plant Sunnybrite Farms, Inc. owned and operated by Hugh and Derrill Ables. This plant processes between 18,000 and 20,000 dozen eggs a day. The farm owns 210,000 layers, contracted to 15 farms in Oconee County.

Spearman Poultry Farm owned and operated by Jack Spearman has 30,000 layers and an egg processing plant under the same roof. Egg candling, feeding, watering, and processing are completely automated.

Dobbins Farm is owned by Fred G. Dobbins and operated by him and his sons, Rhett and Dick. They feed out 500 steers per year in a feed lot. Most of the feed is grown on the farm which includes 100 acres of milo, 150 acres of wheat, 200 acres of soybeans and 120 acres of corn, which is used for silage.

Tokeena Angus Farm is owned by W. H. McPhail, who is retired. The farm is operated by his three sons, Walter, Steve and Floyd. The farm owns 125 registered Angus brood cows and 100 brood sows. Feed for these operations is produced from 100 acres of corn, 200 acres of milo, 300 acres of wheat, and 100 acres of barley.



Part of the group making the Young Farmer summer tour.



Cattle at Tokeena Angus Farm.



Enjoying barbeque at Tokeena.



Barbeque pit at Tokeena.

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***If problems abound in
agriculture today,
opportunities exist
in equal numbers.***



Each farmer, grower and rancher has different needs at different times. Whatever his financial requirements are and whenever they occur, he can look to us . . . his Farm Credit Service. Your Production Credit Association provides short and intermediate term financing and your Land Bank Association provides long term financing. We know agriculture because the people we serve are member-borrowers of our associations. We help each farmer sort out his needs and then tailor loans and repayment schedules to coincide with each personal income situation. If you are in agriculture, you can depend on us to help you turn your problems into opportunities.

depend on us...



Short and Intermediate-term
Farm Credit



Long-term
Farm Credit